Item	Value in US $ in million
Raw wool	2.02
Non-fenous metals	1.94
Leather	1.63
other textile yam, fabrics, made up	1.30

Source: OGCI&S Kolkata

Production and export of tea

191. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production of tea in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the export of tea from India during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to drought in Kenya there were shortage on tea production there and the buyers in the international market are now looking towards India for tea; and

(d) if so, the details of short-term and long-term promotional measures that Government are taking so as to export more and more tea to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. MINISTRY OF COMMERCEAND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The production and export of tea during the last three year is as under

year	Production (Million Kgs.)	Export (Milliion Kgs.)	Export Value (Rs. Crores)
2003-04	878.65*	183.07	1636.99
2004-05*	906.84*	205.81	1924.71
200506*	930.85*	181.06*	1631.60

*Estimated.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Due to the impact of the shortfall in production in Kenya, which is a CTC producing country, the Tea Board is concentrating in the short-run on countries which import CTC tea. These include Pakistan, Egypt and the United Kingdom. The Government is also taking measures to boost the export of tea to all destinations which include carrying out promotional activities in foreign markets, lending support to Indian tea exporters in their marketing efforts, participation in international fairs and exhibitions, and buyer-seller meets, media publicity and exchange of tea delegations between India and tea importing countries.

For ensuring the availability of export quality Orthodox tea in adequate quantities, the Government has sanctioned a new Scheme which is being financed from the Special Fund set up with the collections of AED on tea for incentivising the production of Orthodox tea/incremental volume of Orthodox tea for the period from January 2005 to March 2007.

The Government has also approved continuance of the scheme for assisting tea exports towards meeting additional transport and handling charges incurred for tea exported through the Inland Containing Depot (I.C.D.), Amingaon in Assam during the remaining period of the tenth Plan. Other promotional measures taken include reduction of the import duty on tea bagging and packaging machinery to a rate of 5% and issuance of a new Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 to maintain quality and retain the brand equity of Indian tea.

Passage of goods between India and Bangladesh

192. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh and India have agreed to make mutually beneficial arrangement for the passage of goods between places in one country through the territory of the other;

(b) if so, the areas and the goods identified for this purpose; and

(c) the trade likely to be registered between the two countries during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a)As per Article VIII of the Trade Agreement signed on 21st March, 2006